

**CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2006
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on October 25th at 10:05 a.m. at the State Capital Building, Sacramento, CA.

Members Present: Quentin Kopp, Chair – via telephone from North Yorkshire, UK
Fran Florez, Vice Chair
Marc Adelman, Vice Chair
Lynn Schenk
Joseph Petrillo
Rod Diridon, Sr.
T.J. Stapleton

Opening Comments

Vice-Chair Florez thanked the audience for coming to the meeting and welcomed Chair Quentin Kopp who would be participating in the meeting via telephone from the UK. Chair Kopp reported that there were no members of the public present in the room with him.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for the following Authority Meetings:

Vice-Chair Florez presented the minutes from the September 27, 2006 for approval. Member Diridon moved to approve the minutes, Member Adelman seconded, which carried 7-0.

Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation

Vice-Chair Florez presented the list of meetings for compensation for approval. Member Stapleton moved to approve the list of meetings for compensation, Member Adelman seconded, which carried 7-0.

Member Reports

Member Diridon reported on the successful first meeting of the High-Speed & Intercity Rail Committee of APTA. The meeting was held at the APTA conference in San Jose earlier this month. The committee established by-laws and will become a helpful advocate for high-speed rail with the Federal Government.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Morshed reported that the business of the high-speed rail over the last month was toward the mobilization of contracts, increasing staff and increasing office space. The result is the two new contracts on today's agenda and potentially three more contracts ready for the December board meeting.

Executive Director Morshed reported that the board was provided with a sample draft of a new publication on high-speed rail. This new periodical will help keep stakeholders up-to-date on what is happening with high-speed rail in California as well as around the world.

Executive Director Morshed reported that the board was provided a draft program management oversight scope of work for their review, additionally staff will be developing a scope of work for fiscal oversight audits.

Approval of the Selection of the Project Manager Selection

Executive Director Morshed reported that the Program Management Contract is the most important contract that will be awarded because this team will become an extension of the Authority staff. The Project Manager's job is to assist the Authority in the overall management of the high-speed train project.

Deputy Director Carrie Pourvahidi presented an overview of the Statements of Qualifications received for the Program Management contract and the result of the selection process. On October 10th, the panel conducted oral interviews with three firms: Parsons, Parsons Brinckerhoff and Anil Verma. Based on the evaluation of the technical proposals and the oral interviews the Executive Director determined that Parsons Brinckerhoff was the highest ranked firm.

Deputy Director Carrie Pourvahidi reported that the next step in the process was the negotiations. A meeting was set up with Parsons Brinckerhoff on October 17th. Participating in the meeting was Member Petrillo, Executive Director Mehdi Morshed, Deputy Director Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director Carrie Pourvahidi, and Al Engle. At the conclusion, staff created a draft contract that was presented to board members, Parsons Brinckerhoff and legal counsel.

Member Schenk strongly urged the staff to contact the Department of General Services to request advice from their attorney's experienced in negotiating large A&E contracts. Member Schenk reported that she would be willing to contact the Governor's Office or Department of General Services to request assistance in the negotiations of this contract.

Member Petrillo requested that before the board approves the contract, the Attorney General's Office is given the opportunity to comment on the draft.

Member Diridon moved that this agenda item be held from today's meeting and instructions be given to the Executive Director to complete the negotiations on the contract as quickly as possible having a review completed by the Authority's legal counsel and other experts and be brought back to the board at his earliest convenience. Member Petrillo also requested that the entire draft copy, including the attachments, be given to all the board members at least five days prior to the next board meeting, before any approval is granted. Member Adelman requested that the motion be changed to "experts available" in case the Executive Director is unable to solicit advice in time. Member Petrillo moved to approve Member Diridon's language with the included changes, Member Diridon seconded. A roll-call of members was taken and the motion carried 7-0.

Chair Kopp informed the board that he was unable to continue in the meeting due to phone difficulties and that he would be disconnecting. Chair Kopp had no members of the

public present during his call into the Board Meeting and therefore, was able to sign off before public comment.

Tony Daniels. Project Director from Parson's Brinckerhoff presented an overview of the program management team and their role as the Authority's program manager.

Approval of the Selection of the Visual Simulation Contract

Deputy Director Dan Leavitt presented an overview of the proposals received for the Visual Simulation contract and the result of the selection process for Authority review and approval. On October 3rd, the panel conducted oral interviews with four firms. Based on the evaluation of the technical proposals and the oral interviews the panel determined that Newlands & Co. was the firm that had the ability to meet the Authority's timelines. Member Stapleton moved to delegate authority to the Executive Director to negotiate an agreement, Member Adelman seconded, which carried 6-0.

Public Comment

Steven Tayanipour, PE, SE, F.ASCE

Mr. Tayanipour commented that not only cost-effectiveness and quality of a completed project is important, but also timely completion. Time is money, and if a project is not completed on time or delayed the costs will increase. Mr. Tayanipour congratulated the Authority on the selection of firms for Program Management and Visual Simulation. Mr. Tayanipour commented that the United States is far behind in high-speed rail then other countries, but appreciates what the California high-speed rail is doing to move this project forward.

John Pedrozo, Supervisor for Merced County

Supervisor Pedrozo commented that Merced County was still aware of high-speed rail and he would be available for any assistance the Authority needed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.